

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING
(RULE 53(b)(1))



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Rule 53(b)(1) PATENT APPLICATION:

Continuation) application under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)

Divisional)
of pending prior application of

Group Art Unit 3761

209632 Inventor(s): Gunaratnam et al.

Examiner: Mital B. Patel

Parent Appln. No.: 09 504,220

Atty. Dkt. P 284983

New Mt#



Parent Filed: February 15, 2000

This Appln. Filed: March 6, 2002

Title: MASK AND HEADGEAR CONNECTOR

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Date: March 6, 2002
(Parent Matter No. 270900)

Sir:

To effect the above-requested filing today:

Attached is a copy (which must be filed) of the prior application, including:

Abstract
 Specification and claims (11 pages) (must be attached)
 Drawings (must be attached if originally filed): 8 sheet(s)/set: 1 set informal; Formal of size A4 11"
1A Always X one box, only:
(1) Copy of Signed declaration or oath as originally filed in prior application attached
(2) NO declaration or fee is enclosed; therefore, this is a filing under Rule 53(f).

2. This application is hereby filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Petition is hereby made requesting deletion as inventor(s) of the following who is/are not inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application (DELETE THE FOLLOWING INVENTOR(S)):

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____

2.5 THE INVENTOR(S) FOR THIS NEW APPLICATION IS(ARE):

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____

3. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference thereto.

4. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 based on filing in Australia (country) of

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
(1) <u>PQ 1040</u>	<u>June 18, 1999</u>	(2) <u>1916/99</u>	<u>June 18, 1999</u>
(3) _____	_____	(4) _____	_____
(5) _____	_____	(6) _____	_____

a. (No.) Certified copy/copies attached.
 b. Certified copy/copies previously filed on July 21, 2000 in
 U.S. Application No. 09/504,220, filed on February 15, 2000.

c. Certified copy/copies filed during International stage of PCT/ / .
 4(a). (a) Domestic priority is claimed from PCT/ / , filed .
 (b) Benefit is claimed of Provisional Application No. 60/ , filed .

5. Assignee (optional) _____

6. Attached is the following number of Assignments (including original and all later successive ones by different assignors): 1 and respective new Cover Sheets. (Do NOT file old cover sheets.)

(Assignments in parent must be refiled with new Cover Sheets in this continuing application if you want it/them recorded against the continuing application.)

Please return the recorded Assignment to the undersigned.

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Glenn J. Perry, Reg. No. 28458

(Name and Reg. No.)
 whose current address is as in item 8 below.

a. Recognize as associate attorney Paul T. Bowen, Reg. No. 38009 whose current address is as in item 8 below.

(Name, Reg. No. and Address) _____

8. **Address all future communications to Intellectual Property Group
 of Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, 1600 Tysons Boulevard, McLean, VA 22102**

9. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated into this application by this reference:

No. <u>09/</u>	<u>504,220</u>	filed <u>February 15, 2000</u>
No. <u>29/</u>	<u>115,618</u>	filed <u>December 16, 1999</u>
No. <u>/</u>	filed _____	_____
No. PCT/ <u>/</u>	filed _____	_____

designated the U.S. and that International Application was was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in English

9(a). See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the first page of the specification to claim benefit of the above listed US application(s)

10. **Small Entity Status →** is Not claimed is claimed (pre-filing confirmation required)

(No.) Small Entity Statement(s) (not essential since 9/8/00) were/are:
 filed in above prior application
 attached.

11. **Petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof**

(one box) is being concurrently filed in that prior application (Use Form PAT-111).
 (must be) was previously filed in that prior application (Check length of prior extension).
 (X'd) is not necessary for copendency (Double check before X'ing this box).

12. **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:** Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing all of the documents cited by Applicant and the PTO in the parent application(s) relied upon under 35 USC 120 and referenced in item 9 above. Per Rule 98(d) copies of those documents are not required now. Please consider those documents and advise that they have been considered in this new application as by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609. .

13. Attached is a Rule 103(a) Petition to Suspend Action.

14. **Please see the attached Preliminary Amendment which reduces the number of claims for purposes of reducing the initial filing fee.**

Cancel claims 2-20 without prejudice

FILING FEE

AMOUNT AMOUNT
THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON

->->->CLAIMS AS FILED AND CHANGED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN ITEM 14<->->->

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				Large/Small Entity	Fee Code
15. Basic Filing Fee	Design Application	\$330/\$165			106/26
16. Basic Filing Fee	Utility Application	\$740/\$370	+740		101/201
17. Total Effective Claims	1	minus 20 =	0	x \$18/\$9	+0
18. Independent Claims	1	minus 3 =	0	x \$84/\$42	+0
19. If any proper multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present,				\$280/\$140	+0
20.				Subtotal =	\$740
21. If "petition" box 13 above is X'd, add petition fee.				\$130	+0
21A. If box 6 above is X'd, add Assignment recording fee				\$ 40	+40
22.					
TOTAL FILING FEE ATTACHED =					\$780

- 23. ATTACHED: Transmittal Letter and (8) sheets of Formal Drawings
- 24. See the attached Preliminary Amendment
- 25. See NONPUBLICATION REQUEST under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

26.

**ADDITIONAL FEE CALCULATION FOR
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PER BOXES 24/25**

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee	
<u>Large/Small Entity</u>				
27. Total Effective Claims <u>*20</u>	minus ** <u>20</u>	= <u>0</u>	x \$18/\$9	= <u>\$ 0</u> (103/203)
28. Independent Claims <u>*3</u>	minus *** <u>3</u>	= <u>0</u>	x \$84/\$42	= <u>+ 0</u> (102/202)
29. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for the first time, add (per application)			\$280/\$140	+ <u>0</u> (104/204)
30.			ADDITIONAL FEE	<u>\$ 0</u>
31.			plus FEE from item 22 on page 3	<u>+ 780</u>
32.			<u>TOTAL FEE ATTACHED</u>	<u>\$ 780</u>

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.

**Pillsbury Winthrop LLP
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NOTE No. 1: File this Request in duplicate with 2 postcard receipts (PAT-103) & attachments
 NOTE No. 2: Is extension in parent necessary for copendency? DOUBLE CHECK Item 11 above.
 If yes, printout Pat-111 and head it in parent.

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March 6, 2002

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed are eight (8) sheets of formal drawings to be made of record in the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,
Pillsbury Winthrop LLP

By: 

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